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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in reply to an amendment filed on December 30, 2004. Claims 1, 6-7, 14, 23 and 27-29 are amended. Claims 1-30 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
3. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Urano et al (hereinafter Urano) (US Patent No. 6,202,158 B1) in view of Clark US Patent 4,636,622.
4. As per claims 1, 14 and 23, Urano teaches an electronic apparatus comprising;
a first memory having stored therein a parameter for representing at least conditions of an illegal use of said apparatus (storing in a managing computer illegal access judgment standard) [column 3, lines 60-65, column 4, lines 1-12, lines 53-62 and column 6, lines 1-15],
and
Further, Urano teaches a control unit which stores in a second memory illegal access information of the user and user system when said conditions represented by said parameter are established [column 4, lines 55-67 and column 6, lines 30-67]. Urano fails to teach photographing the user and storing the image when condition of stored parameter are established and displaying the image information. However, photographing an unauthorized

user of a device and storing the photographed image is well known in the art, which has the advantage of identifying the illegal user at a later time. For example Clark teaches an identification system wherein user authentication is performed at a computer station based on stored credentials and if the authentication fails (i.e., condition of stored parameter for illegal use are established) a photographing device is activated and a photograph of the unauthorized user is taken and recorded, and later the user will be identified based on at least the recorded photograph [column 1, lines 5-11, 47-61 and column 3, lines 18-31, 39-46]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Clark within the system of Urano because the modification simplifies detection of unauthorized user of a computer device by storing the picture and later displaying it for identification.

5. As per claim 2 and 15, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches controlling output of illegal access information stored in the memory in accordance with an output direction [column 9, lines 57-67 and column 10, lines 1-5].

6. As per claims 3, 16 and 24, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches said control unit directs a set up program to read out said parameter in said first memory and to record illegal access information in said second memory [column 4, lines 55-67 and column 6, lines 30-67].

7. As per claims 4, 17 and 25, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches said control unit directs an application program

running on said apparatus to set and alter said parameter in said first memory via an interface prepared on a program [column 5, lines 24-39].

8. As per claims 5, 18 and 26, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches said control unit directs the program to output illegal access information [column 9, lines 57-67 and column 10, lines 1-5].

9. As per claim 6, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches the apparatus wherein as said parameter recording timing representing conditions for obtaining image information is selected, set and stored in said first memory [column 7, lines 3-25 and lines 50-63].

10. As per claim 7, 19 and 27, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches the apparatus wherein illegal access information data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and illegal access information data are recorded in said second memory [column 7, lines 3-25 and lines 50-63].

11. As per claims 8-10, 20 and 28, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches the apparatus wherein said recording timing of said illegal access information takes place when the power supply for said apparatus is turned on, program is activated, or operation is resumed (i.e., during log-in operations) [column 2, lines 27-32].

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12. As per claim 11, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches the apparatus wherein said recording timing of illegal access information takes place when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus [column 6, lines 1-15].

13. As per claims 12, 21 and 29, the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the apparatus as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches the apparatus wherein information acquiring format and writing mode are selected, set and stored in said first memory as said parameter [column 7, lines 28-43].

14. As per claims 13, 22 and 30 the combination of Urano and Clark teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Urano teaches the apparatus wherein the mode of writing illegal access information into second memory is overwriting or an appending mode [column 5, lines 50-61].

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 14 and 23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

16. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

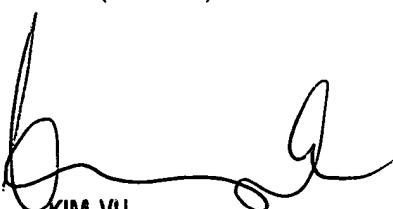
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W. Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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